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Title

Process for Microchannel Production of Colored Spherical

Grain and Microchannel Production Apparatus for Use

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ELECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. Since November 4, 2007 fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed on Monday, November 5, 2007. The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 13-17, drawn to a process for preparing colored spherical polymer particles;

Group II: Claims 8 and 10-12, drawn to an apparatus for producing colored spherical polymer particles; and

Group III: Claims 9 and 18-20, drawn to a different apparatus for producing colored spherical polymer particles.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 5, 2007.

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Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 1-7 and 13-17.

Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.

Respectfully submitted, THE WEBB LAW FIRM

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